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## **PRESS RELEASE**

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that ROBERT GERMAN LIZANO-PEIXOTO, age 36, of Ballston Lake, New York, was sentenced today to federal imprisonment for a term of six months, followed by supervised release for three years, by Senior United States District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy, in Albany, New York, for obtaining and possessing an alien registration receipt card (Green card) by fraud. Judge McAvoy directed LIZANO-PEIXOTO to report to the designated bureau of prisons facility by June 8, 2010.

Today's sentencing followed LIZANO-PEIXOTO's November 4, 2009 guilty plea.

ROBERT GERMAN LIZANO-PEIXOTO, a citizen of Peru, entered the United States in 2001 with a six month tourist visa and never left. In April 2007, ROBERT GERMAN LIZANO-PEIXOTO entered into a sham marriage for the purpose of obtaining immigration benefits with a United States citizen female in Halfmoon, New York. Soon thereafter ROBERT GERMAN LIZANO-PEIXOTO submitted an application which contained false information to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) in Albany, New York to adjust his Immigration status to that of a Lawful Permanent Resident based upon the April 2007 marriage. CIS promptly issued an alien registration receipt card (Green card) to LIZANO-PEIXOTO based on his status as the alien spouse of a United States citizen. Later investigation by DHS/ICE determined that the marriage was a sham and that the purpose of the marriage was to secure immigration benefits for ROBERT GERMAN LIZANO-PEIXOTO.

This matter was investigated by the United States Department of Homeland Security,  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Albany, New York.

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